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CITY OF KENNESAW'S SWIFT-CANTRELL PARK MASTER PLAN
APPROVED

KENNESAW, GA (May 26, 2006) With the help of powerful earthmoving equipment, the City of Kennesaw hopes to begin work this fall transforming 42 acres of farmland along Old Highway 41 behind Kennesaw Elementary School into a flourishing community park, known as Swift-Cantrell Park.

Phase I development of the property include: 1.2 miles of asphalt trail with exercise stations, a playground, picnic shelter with restrooms, an entry plaza, fencing, infrastructure, landscaping, 152 parking spaces, entry and turn lanes, and grading/drainage improvements. Phase I construction is estimated to begin in late 2006.

It will be several years before the property is completely developed. Future development will require additional funding. Some of the elements of the full master plan include a 35,000 sq. ft. recreation center, a 75,000 sq. ft. indoor/outdoor aquatic center, a two-acre dog park with areas for large and small dogs, a 12,000 sq. ft. skate park, playgrounds, and an amphitheater.

"We hope that area residents will soon be able to experience trails, play areas and other amenities offered at the park," said Doug Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director.

The master plan, designed by WK Dickson, a multi-disciplined consulting firm specializing in community infrastructure solutions, was approved by the Mayor and City Council on May 15, 2006. The master plan incorporates comments and issues addressed by an appointed steering committee, elected officials, and City staff members. Preliminary site plans were presented at City Hall during two public meetings in March and April 2006.

Approximately \$9.2 million in funding for acquisition of the property and phase I development was generated from a September 2004 General Obligation Parks and Recreational Facilities Bond Issue.



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To view images of the master plan, visit www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec and click on the link for "Swift-Cantrell Park". For additional information, call the Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department at (770) 422-9714.

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